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Of meaner Crimes we scorn to mention more,
But of a M-----R CROWN'D, besmeared with GORE.
What Seas of BLOOD? What desolated Lands?
What murder'd Nations? by his base Commands.
Curst Mischiefs which his greater Crimes procure,
RESIST, O! Britons, only THAT can CURE.



FROM the advancement of the present Sovereign to the throne of these realms, to this hour, his government has been one perpetual exercise of rage, malice, cruelty, treachery, deceit, falsehood, fraud, injustice, madness, and folly.

The WORST and most infamous of men have been armed with powers, for the purpose of destroying the BEST, and reducing the people, by gradual steps, from a state of PROSPERITY and FREEDOM, to that of MISERY and SLAVERY; and to the disgrace of the people of England, they have been suffered QUIETLY to carry their diabolical designs so far into execution in one part of the British dominions, that nothing can now save the Empire from ruin, but THEIR DESTRUCTION.

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The people HERE do not seem to consider, that, by arming the Sovereign and his minions with a power over their country, they rob themselves of all title to their LIVES and ESTATES, help to overthrow the constitution of the kingdom, and are not only the parricides of their country, but the murderers of their own children and posterity, by putting lawless daggers into the hands of TYRANTS, to execute their murders; thus they sell their own blood and posterity, to these IMPERIAL BUTCHERS, whose great delight, and chief employment, will be to shed it.

O! degenerate Englishmen! your illustrious ancestors never thought of this vile subserviency of their descendents, to SLAVES and TYRANTS, the first they despised, the latter they bravely resisted, and generously shed their BLOOD to secure FREEDOM to their posterity, who it is greatly to be feared will leave to their children and all succeeding ages, the terrible inheritance of servitude, exile, tortures, and massacre.

The speech of the King to the Lords and Commons, and of course to the whole people of England, on *Thursday*, the 26th of *October*, is the speech of a TYRANT, it abounds with the most notorious falsehoods, impotent menaces, ridiculous offers of mercy, and the daring impudent assertions of a despot, firmly resolved on the destruction of his subjects, and busily employed in forging chains for his country.

In the subsequent part of this paper, we will detect the falsehoods, and expose the artifice of this piece of state-craft, fabricated in the sink of corruption at *St. James's*, and designed to deceive, mislead, and ruin the people of England. This merciful father of his people (who destroys them according to act of parliament by thousands, with FAMINE, FIRE, and SWORD) begins his false, hypocritical, bloody harrangue, in the following words.

“ The present situation of *America*, and my constant desire to have
“ your advice, concurrence, and assistance, on every important occa-
“ sion, have determined me to call you thus early together.

Notwithstanding the present situation of America (which is deplorable indeed) and this pious King's constant desire to have their advice, concurrence, and assistance, yet his Majesty could garrison Gibraltar and Minorca with Foreign troops, which is contrary to law, illegal, and unconstitutional, without their advice or assistance,

assistance, and afterwards call HIS bribed, obsequious Senate, who immediately sanctify this notorious violation of MAGNA CHARTA and the BILL of RIGHTS. We can no longer boast of a free constitution, and a limited Monarchy, the King is arbitrary, and we may soon expect to find the Sovereign and his privy council, levy taxes on the people, like Charles the First; this he may do with safety, and the present rotten House of Commons will directly declare the infamous INJUSTICE and TYRANNY to be legal.

“ Those who have long too successively laboured to inflame my people in America, by gross misrepresentations, (that “ is, BARNARD HUTCHINSON, and the rest of your infamous ministers) and to infuse into their minds a system of opinions repugnant to the true constitution of the Colonies, and to their subordinate relation to Great Britain, now openly avow their revolt, hostility, and rebellion. It is not a rebellion, but a just, legal RESISTANCE to your arbitrary laws and tyranny, which is warranted by all the laws of God and man. “ They have raised troops, which you are very uneasy about; yes, and they have lawfully, (not illegally, as you have done;) raised them to defend their lives, liberties, and estates, which you want to destroy, “ and are collecting a naval force, they have “ seized the public revenues, that is their own property, which you intended to rob them of, with the assistance of your bribed parliament, contrary to every principle of law and justice, “ and assumed to themselves, legislature, executive, and judicial powers,” as you had abused your trust, destroyed their constitution, and instead of exercising the delegated powers of a legal government, you had erected a tyranny, they had a just and legal right to take those powers which were originally theirs, into their own hands again; “ which they already exercise, in the most arbitrary manner, over the persons and properties of their fellow subjects;” this is an absolute falsehood, purposely designed to deceive the people of England, that they might the more readily join in the bloody measures now carrying on against the Americans; “ and although many of these unhappy people may still retain their loyalty,” O ridiculous, every man that is loyal to a tyrant, or a tyrannical government, must be paid for it, “ and may be too wise not to see the fatal consequence of this usurpation, and wish to resist it, (what a deception) yet the torrent of violence has been strong enough to compel their acquiescence, “ till a sufficient force shall appear to support them.” It is notorious to the world, that there is not one thousand people in the whole continent of America, that wish to support the present bloody measures of administration, and what force will be SUFFICIENT to support the dependants of his tyrannical Majesty, must be left to his sagacity, and the villainy of his ministers to discover.

“ The authors and promoters of this desperate conspiracy have, “ in the conduct of it, derived great advantage from the difference

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“ of our intentions and theirs.” *This is literally true, the intentions of government have been, and still are, VILLAINOUS, and the intentions of the Americans JUST.* “ They mean only to amuse, by vague expressions of attachment to the parent state;” *this is not true, but it is an absolute fact, that by such artifice, YOU always meant to RUIN and DECEIVE,* “ and the strongest protestations of loyalty to me, whilst they were preparing for a general revolt.” *It is only to be lamented, that they should profess or exercise any loyalty to an unfeeling Prince.* “ On my part, though it was declared in your last session, that a rebellion existed within the province of the Massachusetts Bay, yet even that province we wished rather to reclaim than subdue.” *Surely his Majesty must think the people are as credulous, as his system of government and ministers are infamous, to believe such falsehoods.* “ The resolutions of parliament breathed a spirit of moderation and forbearance ;” *what a misfortune it is, that Kings seldom or ever speak truth ;* “ conciliatory propositions accompanied the measures taken to enforce authority.” *How daring, impudent, insulting, and false, is this assertion, when it is known to the world, that those propositions were not conciliatory, but deceitful, treacherous, and ruinous.* “ I have acted with the same temper ; yes, you have acted with a temper that would disgrace a savage, anxious to prevent, if it had been possible, the effusion of the blood of my subjects, and the calamities which are inseparable from a state of war.” When a criminal at the bar of the Old Bailey tells a wilful lye, to save his LIFE, he is, in my opinion, excusable, but nothing can extenuate the crime of a Sovereign, who for the worst, and most infamous purposes, publishes notorious falsities to the world. The inattention, disrespect, and contempt, shewn to all the petitions from America to the throne, as well as to those delivered by the people of England in their behalf, will for ever stand upon record to all succeeding ages, a flat contradiction to the above assertion ; “ still hoping that my people in America would have discerned the traitorous views of their leaders.” “ They have sufficiently discerned your traitorous views and designs, but those of THEIR LEADERS are just and honourable, and have been convinced, that to be a subject of Great Britain, with all its consequences, is to be the freest member of any civil society in the known world.” Yes, and of this they were not only convinced, but satisfied, till your inglorious reign. “ The rebellious war now levied, is become more general, and is manifestly carried on for the purpose of establishing an independant empire,” the various solemn declarations of the Congress, and the several petitions from America, sufficiently refute that assertion. “ I have also the satisfaction to inform you, that I have received the most friendly offers of Foreign assistance,” “ there is no doubt but

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mercenary cut-throats, assassins, and savages, may be procured for money, and must; or will the people of England be base enough to assist you, by submitting to heavy and unjust taxes, for the horrid purpose of paying those murderers to massacre their fellow subjects in America, surely not, such guilt would call from Heaven, vengeance on their heads; 'and if I shall make any treaties in consequence thereof, they shall be laid before you,' great condescension indeed, to let the people know in what manner they are to be robbed and slaughtered. 'and I have, in testimony of my affection to my people,' who can doubt his affection for his people, when he only makes use of FAMINE, FIRE, and SWORD, to destroy them, 'who can have no cause in which I am not equally interested, sent to the garrisons of Gibraltar and Port Mahon, a part of my electoral troops,' yes, in direct violation of the Bill of Rights, 'in order that a larger number of the established forces of this kingdom, may be applied to the maintenance of its authority; and the national militia, planned and regulated with equal regard to the rights, safety, and protection, of my crown and people.' The rights, safety, and protection of the people will certainly be secure, under a military government, and any power, however dangerous, may be put with safety, into the hands of so pious and good a King.

'When the unhappy and deluded multitude, against whom this force will be directed, shall become sensible of their error, I shall be ready to receive them with tenderness and mercy;' may God of his infinite goodness, always keep the people of this nation, from the tender mercies of a tyrant; 'and in order to prevent the inconveniences which may arise from the great distance of their situation, and to remove as soon as possible, the calamities which they suffer, I shall give authority to certain persons upon the spot, to grant general or particular pardons and indemnities, in such manner, and to such persons, as they shall think fit.' The Americans will treat this piece of foolish King-craft, treachery, and artifice, with the contempt it deserves. they want no pardon from you, and will despise your insidious offers, 'tis you, and your blood-thirsty ministers, who stand most in need of pardon, both from God and them, 'and to receive the submission of any province or colony, which shall be disposed to return to its allegiance; it may be also proper, to authorize the persons so commissioned, to restore such province or colony, so returning to its allegiance, to the free exercise of its trade and commerce, and to the same protection and security, as if such province or colony had never revolted;' amazing wisdom (if the Americans will quietly submit to slavery and chains, they

they are to be restored to their trade and commerce; this Scotch chicanery will not do, the Americans are not to be deceived or enslaved, Bute and Mansfield must find out some other scheme.

'I have fully opened to you my views and intentions' which are to destroy the LAWS, RELIGION, and CONSTITUTION of the Empire." 'The constant employment of my thoughts, and the 'most earnest wishes of my heart, tend wholly to the safety and 'happiness of all my people;' this infamous falsehood, must surely "raise the indignation of every honest Englishman who reads it, have "not the lives of many thousand people in this abandoned reign, been "wantonly and wickedly sacrificed? Have not the most sacred rights "of the people been openly violated, and these violations sanctified "by the king; not to mention a thousand tyrannical oppressions besides; is not then the above sentence the greatest insult and provocation ever offered to a suffering people, and a shameful public "sacrifice of truth, made in the face of the world."

* * * On Monday last, at noon, was published, (*Price Two-pence Halfpenny*) the SPIRITED PROTEST of the minority Lords, and his Grace the Duke of Manchester's animated speech, against an address to the King, and taking foreign troops into the pay of Great Britain, without consent of parliament.

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